

Mills County

Commissioners Court Regular Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024

This Regular Meeting session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9:00 a.m. in the Mills County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1011 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: County Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Mike Wright, Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams for a legal quorum. Also present for the meeting are County Attorney Gerald Hale, County Treasure Summer Campbell, County Deputy Clerk Joy Nowell and Clerk Sonya Clerk, Sheriff Anthony Pool, Deputy Sheriff James Jones, Melissa Womack, Commissioner Elect Graig Sullivan, Darlene Sutherland, Patti Eldridge, Chuck Hortin, Brandon Grebe.

The meeting is available to the public to view on the Mills County YouTube channel.

Agenda:

1. Opening – Pledge of allegiance & Prayer

Judge Jett Johnson called the meeting to order noting the presence of a quorum. Judge Jett Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Jason Williams providing the opening prayer.

2. Audience with Individuals – None

3. Review and Act on Minutes of September 5, 2024, and September 9, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Head to approve minutes for September 5 and with a second by Commissioner Dale Partin with Commissioner Jason Williams obtained. Carried 4-1.

Motion made Commissioner Jason Williams to approve minutes for September 9 and with a second by Judge Jett Johnson. Carried 5-0

4. Consider an Act on approving Accounts Payable.

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Wright to approve Accounts Payable and seconded by Commissioner Jason Williams. Carried 5-0.

5. Consider and Act on Burn Ban. No action taken. Leave off.

6. Consider and Act on a line-item budget amendment.

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Wright to approve line-item budget amendment a presented and seconded by Robert Head. Carried 5-0

7. Consider and Act on Surety Bond for Deputy Clerk Shawnee Martinez

Motion made by Judge Jett Johnson to approve Surety Bond for Deputy Clerk Shawnee Martinez and Second by Commissioner Mike Wright. Carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on Mills Central Appraisal District adopted budget for 2025.

Brandon Grebe board member here to represent the Mills Central Appraisal District to answer any question. To set this up guys you know back in May or June we did not approve their budget. Since then, Mills Central Appraisal District hired two prospective employees. Interim Chief Appraiser and Appraiser. The Mills Central Appraisal District request for adopted budget include increase salary. I can't speak on the behalf of court, but for us to change our budget would be a tough deal. I don't want to do anything like that. Commissioner Jason Williams ask how would that work to change the budget. Judge Jett Johnson would probably have to go the to the other entity. Brandon spoke about the Chief Appraisal Codi McCarn who they lost went to Hamilton. Since I have come on the Appraisal District, we not had a chief appraisal until now. We need to increase their budget by \$40,000.00. For one year this would have to be increased. Once they have their credentials. Commissioner Mike Wright asked Commissioner Jason Williams -can we change amendment our budget.? Commissioner Jason Williams comments that they would have to go all the entities. Treasurer Summer Campbell would not recommend at the being of new budget year to do that because is the last line you touch at the end of the year what your continent line will be. Jason remembers correctly if they don't use all their money there a lot to then

they can give it back to the entities. We can vote on and let them keep the money at the end of the year. We done that before. The Mills Central Appraisal District is going to have to talk to all the entities to get change amendment budget. I don't think that is an emergency. The commissioners court could call TAC to see. County Attorney Gerald Hale commented you can a do general amendment if you don't increase the overall budget. Budget amendment transfer from office to office.

As long it doesn't increase the overall budget. Treasurer as far as direction from court to my office they will send an invoice are you asking to pay the overage or the amount been approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Jason Williams not to approve Mills Central Appraisal District Budget 2025 and seconded by Commissioner Dale Partin. Carried 5-0.

9. Consider Act on a resolution for the Clerk to manage parking restrictions for early voting and election day. Sonya Scott, Clerk presented a request for a resolution concerning the maintain parking restrictions for early voting and election day.

Motion made by Commissioner Jason Williams to give to County Clerk authority to manage parking for early voting. Starting on October 21, 2024 thru November 1, 2024 at the Mills County Community Center (MCCC) so can present to the city council for approval. Seconded by Dale Partin. Carries 5-0

10. Consider and Act on Motorola Solutions.

Sheriff Anthony Pool and Deputy Sheriff James Jones spoke on behalf of the Department for a program with the Motorola Solution for VAAS-M500-V700 for future improvement. The system have now is going to be not supported. Total cost \$100,497.22 breakdown for 5 years first payment of \$19,717.22 need to get approved. In the opinion by the County Attorney that numbers remain that thrust hold is 50 thousand, anything over put out for public bids.

Motion made by Commissioner Jason Williams to table this until next CC meeting on Motorola contract and seconded by Judge Jett Johnson. Carried 5-0

11. Consider and Act on Proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Motion made by Judge Jett Johnson to sign Proclamation and seconded by Commissioner Robert Head. Carried 5-0

12. Consider and act on bids for materials for Mills County Precinct Road System.

Motion made by Commissioner Dale Partin to accept Mills County Request for Bids for Material Aggregate for county roads with change email address to County Judge email and seconded by Judge Jett Johnson. Carried 5-0.

13. Consider and Act on bids for fuel for Mills County Precinct Road System. The motion was made by Commissioner Jason Williams to accept Mills County Request for Bids for fuel and seconded by Commissioner Robert Head. Carries 5-0.

14. Consider and Act on Road and Bridge Safety voucher from TAC for &707.39.

Motion made by Judge Jett Johnson for Commissioner Jason Williams to handle the Safety voucher from TAC and seconded by Commissioner Mike Wright. Carried 5-0.

15. Consider and Act on Hoof and Horns Subdivision preliminary plat.

Motion made by Commissioner Jason Williams to go into Executive Session on Hoof and Horns Subdivision and seconded by Commissioner Robert Head. Carries 5-0 Time 10:25 am. Back now from Executive Session at 10:55 am. Motion made by Commissioner Mike Wright to table Hoof and Horns Subdivision to have informal meeting to discuss with our surveyor King and County Attorney and seconded Commissioner Jason Williams. Carried 5-0.

16. Commissioners' Request and Reports.

Commissioner Precinct #1 – brush cutting, driving out with FEMA, update tin horns and sign. County Judge contact on a sign down on Layton Black Lane. TXDOT won't replace, but will install them. Sign for Layton Black Lane. Have went ahead ordered one from S&S Supply. Private land own wanted to replace sign. Told land own that is his responsibility.

Commissioner Precinct #2 – work on sheriff dept part of poured concrete. Finally got borrow tree push over. Tried to haul material.

Commissioner Precinct #3 – worked on CR 142, Had to go to school.

Commissioner Precinct # 4 – lot of roads bladed. Report Rock crusher has hydraulic body broke off side. To get fixed at cost around \$12,000. Took to Sides to fix. Take a day or two. R&B on repairs and supplies budget for \$10,000.00. Hall trailer talked about getting new boards before contact a guy from Santa Anna can get the boards. They will not put down. We will have to put them down. Have meeting this week on Thursday in Bell County.

17. County Judge's Report.

Still burning in Mills County. Anyone listing YouTube please be careful and call the Sheriff Office. Other news Annette Watson starts Wednesday this week. And thanks to Jackie Brooks for shadowing. Commissioner Mike Wright about a road hand put in the paper. I am losing road won't mention any names.

18. Adjournment.

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Joy Howell, Deputy Clerk

